

REMARKS

In an Office Action dated June 6, 2003, issued in the patent application, the Patent Office rejected claims 1-20. Specifically, the Patent Office rejected claims 1, 5-7, 13, 15-18 as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,313,859 issued to Garby, et al.; claims 1-3, 8-9, 13 as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,449,218 issued to Lluch; claims 1-3, 12-13 as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,431,283 issued to Weinstein; claims 1-3, 13 as being anticipated by Des. 310,731 issued to Lieptz; claims 1-3, 8-9, 13 as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 3,650,445 issued to Heitzman; claims 1-3, 5, 8-10, 13 as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,118,021 issued to Fiocchi; claims 1-3, 5, 8-10, 13 as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,322,227 issued to Fiocchi; claims 1-2, 5-7, 12-13, 15-19 as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 4,918,775 issued to Leu; claims 1-2, 5-7, 13, 15-19 as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,621,936 issued to Penaligon, et al. The Patent Office also rejected the claims under 35 USC Section 103(a). More specifically, the Patent Office rejected claim 4 under Section 103(a) as being obvious in view of Garby, et al. in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,212,721 issued to Borodulin et al.; the Patent Office also rejected claim 11 under Section 103(a) as being obvious in view of Fiocchi and U.S. Pat. No. 5,863,001 issued to Schulze; and the Patent Office also rejected claim 14 as being obvious in view of Garby, et al. in view of Fiocchi and further in view of Schulze. Finally, the Patent Office rejected claims 1-20 under section 112, 2nd paragraph.

Applicant has amended the claims to over come the rejections under section 112. Applicant has also amended the claims to over come the prior art rejections. For instance, the cited references Garby et al., Lluch, Weinstein, Lieptz, Heitzman, Fiocchi, Leu, and Penaligon, et al. do not teach or suggest a medicine opener that comprises a

body that supports a template that defines one or more pockets of various shapes.

Support for the amendment is found in the drawings (Figs. 1, 2 and 4).

The Examiner also questioned Applicants use of the term "template". As contemplated by the drawings and the written description the template 18 is defined as including one or more variously sized pockets. Thus, the term template as used by Applicant refers to a pattern of variously sized pockets as best seen in Figs. 1, 2 and 4.

It is believed that there are no fees due upon filing this Preliminary Amendment. However, if any fees are required in connection with the filing of this paper that are not identified in this response or any accompanying transmittal, the Commissioner of Patents is authorized to charge the fee due, including any fees due for an extension of time, to Deposit Account Number 190011 in the name of Sachnoff & Weaver, Ltd

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